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Tom Wheeler, Chairman

Federal Communications Commission

445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On behalf of OCA Sacramento - Asian Pacific American Advocates, I write to support the merger of Comcast and Time Warner. OCA, headquartered in Washington DC, is a national membership-driven organization of community advocates dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs). OCA Sacramento is one of the organization's 100 chapters and affiliates across the Nation.

OCA Sacramento provides a wide variety of programs and projects including advocacy, civic participation, economic development, leadership and education throughout the year that benefit both APA and non-APA communities in the Greater Sacramento Region. We have built a positive relationship with Comcast and the Comcast Foundation for over ten years to help the local community.

OCA Sacramento knows firsthand that Comcast is committed to bring Digital Literacy to disadvantaged communities; we partnered with Comcast to promote Internet Essentials, a digital literacy program for low income families with school age children. The program provides low cost internet access, vouchers for discounted laptops and no cost computer classes. The Digital Divide is growing and affects low come students in their ability to succeed in school. Comcast's Internet Essentials program has been a good start in increasing broadband adoption and Digital Literacy in Northern California and helping more than 35,000 families gain access to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century broadband technology.

By allowing the merger of Comcast and Time Warner, the FCC would allow Comcast to expand a necessary program for low-income APA communities into California and Hawaii, areas in need of affordable broadband Internet. The proposed merger brings more opportunities for improved community service and access than any potential negative consequences.

Thank you for your consideration and I would urge that you to move expeditiously on this important matter that can help bridge the growing Digital Divide; and improve the lives, the economic well being and the academic future of low income families.

Sincerely,

Michael Head

OCA Sacramento Interim President

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